

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of DUAN MARTEZ SEARLES, Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DUAN MARTEZ SEARLES,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

MELANIE RICHANNE RAINES,

Respondent.

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No. 218286

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 96-342503

Before: O'Connell, P.J., and Meter and T. G. Hicks\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Duan Searles ("respondent") appeals as of right from a family court order terminating his parental rights to a minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm.

The family court did not clearly err in finding that statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974; *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Moreover, respondent failed to show that termination of his parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

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\* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

Affirmed.

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell

/s/ Patrick M. Meter

/s/ Timothy G. Hicks